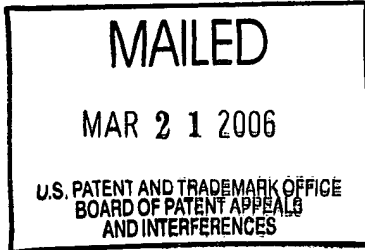


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Ex parte JOHN WHITMAN  
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JOHN DAVLIN

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 9, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) indicates that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed September 21, 2004. It is not apparent from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication

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notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the IDS, appropriate written notification to appellants regarding the Primary Examiner's decision, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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